

HILDEGARD HOBMEIER

JULY 4 (legislative day, JUNE 27), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8163]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 8163) for the relief of Hildegard Hobmeier, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable the German fiancée of a United States citizen serviceman to enter the United States for the purpose of marrying the said serviceman and to thereafter reside in the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a native and citizen of Germany who is engaged to Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel, a United States citizen serviceman presently stationed at the New Cumberland General Depot, New Cumberland, Pa. Sergeant Fehnel had applied for permission to marry the beneficiary of the bill while he was in Germany but was returned to the States before his application could be processed.

Congressman Francis E. Walter, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and made the following statement:

Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel is a native of Northampton, Pa. He served in Germany from July 1948 until January 1952, and 9 months before his transfer back to the United States he filed an application with his superior officers requesting that he be permitted to marry Hildegard Hobmeier, of Munich, Germany, the beneficiary of this bill.

Before his petition was granted, Sergeant Fehnel received orders to return to the United States and has subsequently volunteered for an additional tour of duty in Germany. His request has not yet been granted.

At the present time Sergeant Fehnel is stationed at the New Cumberland General Depot, New Cumberland, Pa., and desires to marry his fiancée as soon as she is admitted into the United States.

Before introducing this legislation, I requested Sergeant Fehnel to submit certain letters and affidavits attesting to the good moral character of himself and his fiancée, as well as the consent of his parents to the proposed marriage, which have been submitted to the committee.

The documents referred to in Congressman Walter's statement read as follows:

2232-2 DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS,
NEW CUMBERLAND GENERAL DEPOT,
New Cumberland, Pa., June 16, 1952.

Subject: Character, conduct, and marriage intentions of Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel.
To Whom It May Concern:

1. The character and conduct rating of Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel, RA-33483685, of this organization are both excellent.

2. Sergeant Fehnel, has consulted me about his intentions of marrying a certain Miss Hobmeier, of Germany.

H. E. SMITH,
Major USAF, Commanding.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel for more than 25 years and his leadership and integrity have been proven and I take great pleasure in testifying to his high character.

His intention to marry Hildegard Hobmeier has my greatest confidence and trust in this great venture.

JOHN E. JACOBY.

NORTHAMPTON, PA., June 18, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel, is well known to me. Character of Sergeant Fehnel can be classified as excellent. There is no doubt in my mind as to the honesty of his intention to marry Miss Hobmeier, of Germany.

WASYL DEMCZYSZYN.

NEW CUMBERLAND GENERAL DEPOT, UNITED STATES ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN,
New Cumberland, Pa., June 13, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to state that I have discussed thoroughly with Sgt. Melvin Fehnel, RA 33483685, his plans to bring to this country Miss Hobmeier from Germany and marry her at the earliest opportunity. His plans are definite, clear, and well thought out. Recommend that whatever action is necessary to bring his fiancée to this country for the purpose to marriage be taken.

GEORGE M. SCHUMACHER,
Chaplain (Captain) United States Army.

B COMPANY BRANCH, UNITED STATES DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS,
New Cumberland, Pa., June 13, 1952.

Subject: Recommendation.

To Whom It May Concern:

Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel, RA 33483685, 2232-A USDB, New Cumberland, Pa. has been assigned to Company B as a shift leader over 6 months and during this time he has displayed exemplary traits of character and his honesty has been above reproach. I have had personal knowledge of his character as well as his leadership ability and I do not hesitate in recommending Sergeant Fehnel in any job he may undertake.

TED S. RUSSELL, Captain, CMP.

B COMPANY BRANCH, UNITED STATES DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS,
New Cumberland, Pa., June 13, 1952.

Subject: Recommendation.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, have had Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel working for me for a period of over 6 months and during this time he has shown outstanding leadership and his traits of character and honesty have been above reproach. It is a privilege to have a man such as Sergeant Fehnel assigned to one's unit or company.

PETER W. YUSHINSKY,
Master Sergeant, First Sergeant.

2232-a U. S. D. B., NEW CUMBERLAND, PA., June 13, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, have known Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel for over 1 year. During this time I have worked under Sergeant Fehnel as a custodial guard and he has always impressed me as being a fine leader. His excellence of character has always held my esteem and I think his integrity and straightforwardness in conduct plus his honesty is far beyond reproach. I am very glad to be associated with a man of his honor.

CORP. MARTIN PENDROTTI,
RA33275894, United States Army.

JUNE 19, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

Sgt. Melvin C. Fehnel, is a son of ours and has the right to get married as far as we are concerned to Miss Hobmeier, of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. MARVIN C. FEHNEL,
Northampton, Pa.

Mrs. FRANEY E. FEHNEL.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 8163) should be enacted.

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